

# All about Construction

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## Construction Team Comment – Naz Lewis-Humphrey Industry Manager for Construction



A great start to 2022, with what seems like the end in sight of a long winter with shorter nights and longer days, and even some sunshine on the horizon. We have seen more colleges returning to pre-pandemic delivery and students finally getting some real practical learning and on site experience. Feedback has been extremely positive with more student registrations and submissions for final EPA assessments this year.

We were delighted to present at the recent AMRC meeting in Blackburn with some great new technologies on show.

Thank you to Paul Sharples from Themis, Burnley College for inviting the C&G team. We were able to meet up with Burnley, Lancaster & Morecombe & Blackburn Colleges to talk about our vision and strategy around our Green Skills offering.

Check out our article looking at the amazing work our Foundation Team are doing with Bounceback, looking at how C&G are supporting their latest in-prison construction programme.

Full swing with T Levels, and delivery of our virtually Occupational Specialism networks over February and March. See details below.

We saw the beginnings of face-to-face meetings with the Construction Team back out on the road supporting our providers and meeting employers. We were able to attend the BACH annual conference and catch up with so many of our providers at long last. Hoping we can continue in early 2022, restrictions permitting.

So what does 2022 have in store? We are looking forward to the launch of the revised L3 Carpentry & Joinery EPA. Thoughts and strategies around Green Skills and where we see our offering will be to support Net Zero Carbon and the skills need, with the prospect of over 1 million jobs in construction that could be created if the economy goes fully green. Thinking about Retrofit and sustainability offers to support role evolutions linked to a sustainable future for all. So a work in progress and strategy to evolve with our stakeholders and key partners. Watch this space.

As always please do take the time to catch up on our news and do let us know if you would like to be featured or have any contributions for future newsletters. Ideas and comments always welcome. Thank you for your support and look forward to meeting more of you over the next year as face to face and a hybrid of working becomes our new norm.

*Naz Lewis-Humphrey*



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### **T Levels - Update**

In February and March we delivered our virtual Occupational Specialism networks for both in delivery and pre delivery centres. During the networks attendees were able to receive updates, engage in discussion and share good practices and experiences with other centres. We also delivered our `Preparing for Core Assessment` webinars, delivered by our Post 16 Technical Advisor Alison Whittle. Alison delivered two webinars focusing on centres preparing for both the Employer set project and core exam assessments. You can access the recordings via the links below:

Preparing for Core Assessment, Employer Set Project-

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/recording/7229083765386204685>

Preparing for Core Assessment, Core exams-

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/recording/5187531465785371917>

### **Ready for Construction**

Our new `Ready for Construction` online course is now live. The Ready for Construction course is designed to allow learners to explore the construction sector. The course can be applied to any programme type from full time study programmes to traineeships and apprenticeships. The course also attracts funding across all provision types, including adult skills (AEB).

Below is an overview of the course and the benefits to learners.

- 3-4 hour digital course for learners of all ages to understand what it's like to work in the sector
- Individuals will discover the breadth of jobs and opportunities in the sector, motivating them to succeed in their studies and build a career in the sector
- Gain a real sense and flavour of what it's like working in the sector and the skills, attitudes and behaviours employers are looking for when recruiting.

- Individuals will complete a self-reflection task to see if they have what it takes to start a career in the sector
- Receive job search tips from employers to help them stand out when they are ready to start looking for a job.
- Earn a digital credential on completion of the course to showcase achievement and interest in working in construction or social care, share on social media, put on their CV.

Our Technical Advisor Jason Howe delivered a series of webinars showcasing this fantastic new product. You can access the recording of the webinar [here](#).

You can also access the Ready for Construction flyer [here](#).



### Skills for Wales-

What an exciting two months we have had supporting our centres and providers in Wales. Our Team of TAs including, Ian, David, Amelia and Jason have been delivering a series of CPD events focusing on the delivering and assessment of the Foundation, Core and Progression qualification. The events were very informative and included a role play of a guided discussion. This was well received by delegates who got to see our very own David Pye and Ian Roberts emerge into character to put on a fantastic performance, to support delegates awareness in good and bad practices of a guided discussion. In total the team have delivered 9 CPD events across Wales delivering to hundreds of attendees. We would like to thank each college who hosted the events and for allowing other colleges to attend, providing a warm welcome to all.

February and March also saw the team deliver two follow up webinars for centres in preparing to deliver the Foundation and Progression qualifications as well as launch of our Level 3 Qualification webinars. The team have delivered nine webinars covering each trade pathway for the construction sector at level 3. All of our webinar recordings can be found on the Skills for Wales website [here](#).

Our centre support continued with our TAs attending several employer events supporting our providers and their employers in the understanding of delivery and assessment of the Level 3 qualifications. We are now planning and preparing for our next round of support events which will including, preparing to deliver L3 qualifications and the Employer Confirmation Guide. Further information on these events will be released soon.

To keep up to date with the latest developments, guidance and events sign up to receive our emails <https://www.skillsforwales.wales/sign-up>

### **City & Guilds Foundation supports Bounce Back construction programme**

Through our City & Guilds Foundation, we're proud to be supporting Bounce Back with funding towards their new and innovative in-prison construction programme. Bounce Back are a charity and social enterprise focused on the training and employment of people in, and leaving prison.

In 2019, the Foundation established a £1m Big Idea Fund which committed funding towards programmes and initiatives that develop transformative approaches to support former offenders to develop the skills they need to find employment.

The programme that the Foundation is supporting with funding towards is a virtual reality headset that will train individuals with key construction skills including traffic marshalling, employability and gaining CSCS cards. Keltbray XR are also putting some funding towards the programme.

Like most Prison programmes, Covid has had an impact on us being able to start delivering the training because of strict lockdowns – but we are delighted that the training cohorts are expected to start in the Spring.

Speaking about the programme, **Polly Rowe, Programme & Engagement Manager from The City & Guilds Foundation** said: *'We are delighted to be supporting this innovative programme through the Foundation. When we created the Big Idea Fund we knew that we wanted the programmes we fund to identify new approaches to learning and offer a route in to stable employment. Bounce Back has some fantastic employer connections to support individuals through the gate when they are released – and we're confident that we'll really be able to demonstrate impact on the individuals on programme, the organisations they go on to work with & to wider society by ultimately reducing the risk of the individual reoffending.'*

Across City & Guilds we are managing the impact we're having as an organisation – and using our theory of change / impact framework, we will be tracking the progress of our funding over the coming months and years.



### **Apprenticeship Standards and End Point Assessment**

Several recorded webinars covering the main trades of: Bricklayer, Carpenter/Joiner, Painting and Decorator and Plasterer took place in December 2021. Please view these if you have not already done so.

**EPA Brickwork** 8 Dec 2021 12-1.30

Recording: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/recording/437477404569392904>

**EPA Plastering** 9 Dec 2021 12-1.30

Recording: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/recording/5226642191927993100>

**EPA CJ** 7 Dec 2021 12 -1.30

Recording: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/recording/7270344036849613071>

**EPA PD** 10 Dec 2021 12 -1.30

Recording: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/recording/4810562802743857410>

### **New Apprenticeship EPA Webinars coming in June this year**

These events focus on the Construction Apprenticeship Standards in Bricklayer, Carpenter/Joiner, Painting and Decorator and Plasterer. It will also briefly touch on the new Technicals and T levels.

Topics to be covered will include - Understanding the Standard and the associated Assessment Plan. Training Specifications and Apprenticeship Training Manuals (ATM). RPL: How this impacts the apprenticeship. 20% off the job training- what can be included. Functional skills reforms- impact on standards/mapping. Teaching and learning resources to support On-Programme (OP) delivery. Blended learning/ digital integration for teaching and learning. Understand how to prepare learners for gateway. What does EPA look like per Standard: Brick, Carpentry, Painting and Plastering. How to prepare learners for EPA - resources. Gateway checklists. Gateway process/sign off (preparation/process/procedures).

Quality monitoring of Standards: what does this look like. Supporting employers understanding of the Standards.

Apprenticeship webinars in June 2022. Please book your place

**EPA CJ** 20 June 2022 12-1.30

**Registration** <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/2905983260451495435>

**EPA Brickwork** 21 June 2022 12-1.30

**Registration** <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/3346909413422275595>

**EPA Plastering** 22 June 2022 12-1.30

**Registration** <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/6057084629611106571>

**EPA PD** 23 June 2022 12-1.30

**Registration** <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/7382477727174213899>

### **9078-21 Level 2 End-point Assessment for ST0264 / AP03 Carpentry and Joinery**

All learners with an ILR start date of 18/09/2020 onwards should be registered on the new version 1.1 of the assessment plan. Registrations, EPA bookings and assessments are open. All documentation is available on the website.

<https://www.cityandguilds.com/qualifications-and-apprenticeships/construction/construction/9078-level-2-carpentry-and-joinery-endpoint-assessment#tab=documents>

### **9079-21 Level 3 End-point Assessment for ST0263 / AP02 Advanced Carpentry and Joinery**

All learners with an ILR start date of 21/05/2021 onwards should be registered on the new version 1.1 of the assessment plan. Registrations are open, EPA bookings and assessments available from June/July 2022. EPA packs will be available on the website after Easter.

### **Curriculum planning support for 2022/23**

On 21 Dec 2021 a short webinar to help providers with their curriculum planning for the academic year 2022/23 took place. This event focused on the construction offer available to providers to support their delivery plans and help meet learner aspirations. It covered the following board areas: NVQs, QCF Diplomas, RQF Technicals and T levels.

**Recording:** <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/recording/71900783737694723>

## **Technicals in Bricklaying, Carpentry and Joinery, Painting and Decorating and Plastering at level 2 and level 3**

On the 12 January 2022 a webinar took place to provide an overview of the 'Technicals' in the construction main trades: Brick, Carpentry, Painting and Plastering.

As you know the Government is driving Technicals implementation, particularly at level 2 and 3 i.e. QCF to RQF qualifications and T levels at level 3. Technicals are different as they have performance points and are assessed through a single knowledge test and practical assessment.

The webinar covered Technicals content and assessment requirements. Also, how C&Gs supports centres in delivery. The focus of the webinar is specifically on the synoptic and exam.

If you are delivering Technicals and have not seen this or would like to refresh yourself having joined the webinar on the day, please click on the following link:

Recording: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/recording/4578834130850213643>

### **6219 Pop-Up Webinar**

This month we delivered a short pop-up webinar specifically on our very popular 6219 Construction E3 AND Level 1 qualification. This recording will be useful to both existing centres and those that are looking to deliver this multi skills and trade specific qualification. This covered: available pathways, centre staffing, curriculum planning, assessment, support materials and complementary qualifications.

Recording: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/recording/6489833719476314625>

### **Construction NVQ update**

We are pleased to announce that the new NVQ qualifications below have now been approved for funding by the ESFA. Please go to FALA for the funding details [here](#).

- 60376879 *City & Guilds Level 2 NVQ in Insulation and Building Treatments (Construction)*
- 60376338 *City & Guilds Level 2 NVQ in Decorative Finishing and Industrial Painting Occupations (Construction)*
- 6037634X *City & Guilds Level 3 NVQ in Decorative Finishing - Painting and Decorating (Construction)*

The legacy NVQs below will have their funding removed as of the 10 April 2022, as they are now replaced with the above qualifications.

- 60332281 City & Guilds Level 2 NVQ Certificate in Insulation and Building Treatments (Construction)
- 60078649 City & Guilds Level 2 NVQ Diploma in Decorative Finishing and Industrial Painting Occupations (Construction)
- 60112359 City & Guilds Level 3 NVQ Diploma in Decorative Finishing - Painting and Decorating (Construction)

Centres must use the new NVQs for their funded provision from the 10 April 2022. We will be closing the legacy qualifications in due course.

We are still waiting to hear the outcome of our funding application for the 60376892 City & Guilds Level 3 NVQ in Insulation & Building Treatments, we will update you as soon as we have further information.

### **6574-21 to 28 Level 2 NVQ Diploma in Construction and Civil Engineering Operations (Construction)**

This qualification is currently undergoing an incremental change and a new version will be **available for delivery from August 2022**. Centres that currently offer this qualification will be given automatic approval to deliver the new version. The qualification number for this will be 6574-40 to 49. The title of the new qualification will be slightly different as the industry no longer want to use 'Diploma' in the title, therefore it will just be a Level 2 NVQ in Construction and Civil Engineering Operations.

Please go to [webpage](#) for further details and information

### **Construction Qualification Information spreadsheet**

We have updated our Construction Qualification Information spreadsheet ([here](#)). This is a quick overview of the construction qualifications we offer and basic funding information. For more detailed information around funding for each QAN, please use [FALA](#).

### **Working with us as an Associate**

Have you thought about using your experience and skills, working as an associate with City & Guilds? Often these work alongside other job roles and commitments and give you the opportunity to support in quality assurance and assessment.

We have a variety of roles available:

- Some are available at set times, and have set closing dates for consideration
- Some are available all year round, and we accept applications, which are then considered when there is an increased demand.

City & Guilds operate in many areas of construction, however also in many wider industry areas, therefore do share this with friends, colleagues, networks who might be interested in the opportunities we have available.

Visit <https://careers.cityandguildsgroup.com/associate-vacancies> for more information about

- Roles we have available
- Areas that we work in
- How to apply
- General guidance

Current Focuses for EPA roles are:

- Brick Work (LIEPA and IEPAs)
- Carpentry & Joinery (IEPAs)
- Painting/Decorating (LIEPA and IEPAs)
- Plastering (LIEPA and IEPAs)
- Property Maintenance Operative (LIEPA and IEPAs)

Just to note if you have already applied, we will contact you, so please bear with us.

If you would like more information on our vacancies you can visit our dedicated webpage [here](#), contact one of our Technical Advisors.

### **Future network events and webinars**

Please keep an eye on our website, alerts and newsletters as more and more become face. We will aim to update you as soon as dates and times are confirmed. We will continue to adopt a combination of in person and on line webinar and CPD sessions as time and resources permit.

### **Spotlight City & Guilds Staff – Tasmin Peckham Business Development Manager, Wales**

Our new Welsh Business Manager, Tasmin Peckham, is here to support from all aspects of your relationship with City & Guilds, Wales. Tasmin is on hand to take queries and feedback relating to the new qualifications and works closely alongside the team at City & Guilds, to ensure all centres are supported with their delivery. Working with centres these past 6 months, Tasmin has been collating critical feedback in preparedness for the upcoming CPD events this Spring. Please reach out to Tasmin to arrange an informal meeting and chat through any concerns or queries.



Tasmin, has worked in one of the largest FE colleges in Wales for 4 years, supporting employers within the Health & Social Care industry, Finance, Business, and IT. Working with employers and stakeholders, it was her role to understand the needs of industry, and to provide real time data to the college to support curriculum planning activities for the next academic year. She is passionate about seeing people develop, grow, move into jobs, and build successful careers. Skills development has always been important to her, and everything she have ever done in education, and has had the learner at the heart of it.

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### **Tell us what you think**

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### **Associate Vacancies** **LIEPAs and IEPAs**

We are currently recruiting for Lead Independent End Point Assessors (LIEPA) and Independent End Point Assessors (IEPA) in the following trade areas:

- [Brickwork- LIEPA and IEPAs](#)
- [Carpentry & Joinery \(inc. Advanced\)- LIEPA and IEPAs](#)
- [Painting & Decorating- LIEPA and IEPA](#)
- [Plastering- LIEPA and IEPAs](#)

- [PMO- LIEPA and IEPA](#)

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	<p>Please join our LinkedIn group for  <a href="#">Construction and Utilities</a></p>

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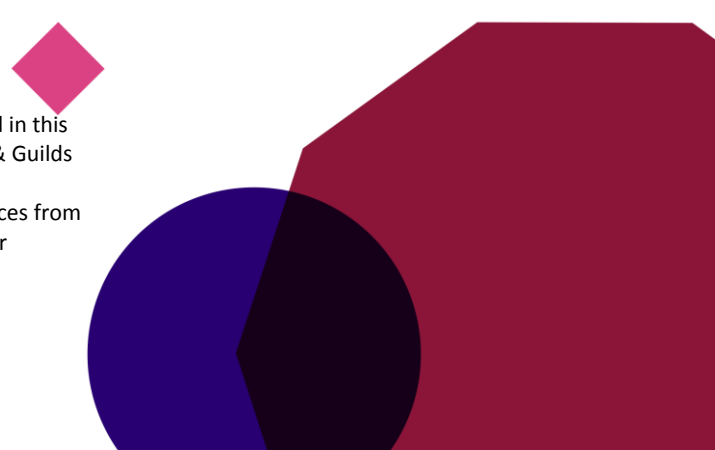


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